

"The holy one to be born will be called the



Third Sunday of Advent

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE

Fugue on "Vom Himmel hoch"

J. Pachelbel

ADVENT LITURGY

The Gore Family

Reader 1: We light the third candle of Advent.

(The third candle is lit.)

Reader 2: We look to John, the one you sent, to point us to your light. The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone.

Reader 1: God sent John the Baptizer to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the World. John called for people to repent of their sins and to live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the one who would follow him, would bring. This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning.

Reader 2: Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John the Baptizer to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these days we prepare for you in prayer and acts of holy compassion, forgive us and lead us to your light. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF APPROACH & CONFESSION

Liz Pruchnicki

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

Even when we cannot gather in person,

You are God with Us

Even if some Christmas traditions have had to be set aside for now,

You are God with us.

Even if we might not get to hug all our family and friends,

You are God with us.

Even if we cannot sing carols shoulder to shoulder with each other,

You are God with us.

Even if Christmas cheer is harder this year, You are God with us.

Daystar, Desire of Nations and Wisdom from on high, We know that Your coming casts light on the ways we miss the mark Of loving You, our fellow human beings, and our selves. Too often we choose against Your best intentions for us.

Too often we opt for fear, materialism, resentment, and disdain.

Too often we fail to act with compassion, justice, and generosity of spirit.

So as we watch and hear our children share the news

Of Your incarnation this day,

Help us to remember that You were born into a humble stable

And you keep coming to be born anew in humble and contrite hearts.

Please note that today's hymns are included at the end of the bulletin. Thank you!

HYMN O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(verses 1, 6, & 7)

SILENT PRAYER WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Hear the sound of love poured out.

(The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.)

Leader: O Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouths will declare Your praise.

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: The Lord's name be praised.

ADVENT RESPONSE

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Sienna Wdowik, Andy Gregory, Elizabeth Pruchnicki, and Rev. Kluttz

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Strednak Singer

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

"Mary, You're On Mute: A Very Zoom Christmas"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Elizabeth Hefferon

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Noël Provençal XIV Century

ADVENT DOXOLOGY

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,

Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:

Come and worship, come and worship,

Worship Christ, your praises bring!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Strednak Singer

Carpenter of Creation,

We give these gifts to You,

Praying that You would receive our offerings with gladness!

Guide us in using our hands, hearts, and minds

To help usher in the kingdom of heaven on the earth.

May all that we say and all that we do bring You joy!

We lift the prayers of our hearts to You,

In Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING Away in a Manger

CHARGE & BENEDICTION Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

POSTLUDE Pastorale D. Scarlatti

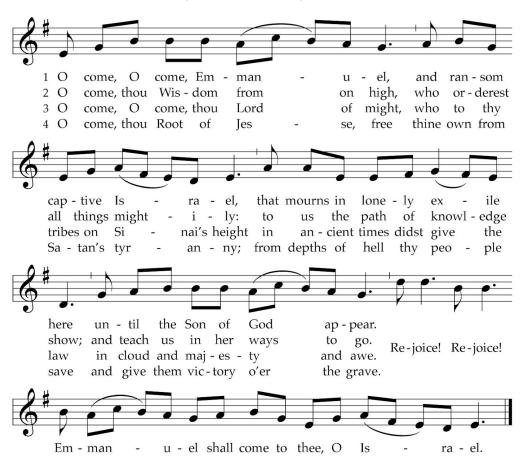
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- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Away in a Manger

